

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph of the specification beginning on page 16, line 4 and ending on page 16, line 4 with the following:

Referring now to Figure 6, the operation of an execution unit where an external agent adjusts some parameter to cause the utility to throttle is shown. (The operation of an external agent is shown in Figure 6(b).) Examples of such are controller module 102 lowering the operating system priority of the utility without the utility even knowing what its operating system priority is. For a background discussion on operating system priorities, see A. Tanenbaum, Modern Operating Systems (2nd Edition), 2001. First in step 200, the execution unit 106 itself is initialized. In step 210, execution unit 106 registers with manager module 104. By registering, execution unit 106 informs the manager module of its existence. It should be understood that in accordance with the present invention multiple execution units may register with manager module 104. In step 220 the execution unit processes a work unit as appropriate. Once there are no additional basic work units to be processed, the execution unit 106 de-registers with manager module 104 (step 230) and terminates (step 240).[[.]]